

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, lines 1-5 as follows:

**--RELATED APPLICATION DATA**

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application No. P09-220264 filed August 15, 1997, and is a divisional of United States Application Serial No. 09/134,153, filed August 14, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,677,993, all of which are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--